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RESOLUTION NUMBER [Entered by Secretary after Adoption]

RESOLUTION OF THE DESIGN REVIEW BOARD OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA GRANTING PRELIMINARY DESIGN REVIEW APPROVAL FOR THE CROWN CASTLE RELOCATION PROJECT, AN 83-FOOT TALL MONOPINE TELECOMMUNICATIONS FACILITY LOCATED AT 1236 CLEVELAND AVE, APN: 012-061-032 - FILE NO. PRJ20-023 (DR20-62)

WHEREAS, an application was submitted requesting the approval of a Conditional Use Permit and Major Design Review Permit for an 83-foot monopine telecommunications facility, to be located at 1236 Cleveland Avenue, also identified as Sonoma County Assessor's Parcel Number 012-061-032; and

WHEREAS, On May 13, 2021, the Shot Clock, a regulation set forth by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) which limits the time a local agency has to act on a telecommunications application, was extended to July 1, 2021; and

WHEREAS, on June 24, 2021, the Planning Commission held a duly noticed public hearing on the application at which all those wishing to be heard were allowed to speak or present written comments and other materials; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission approved the Conditional Use Permit Resolution No. XXX subject to a 10-day appeal period; and

WHEREAS, on July 1, 2021, the Design Review Board of the City of Santa Rosa considered an 83-foot monopine telecommunications facility Project, to be located at 1236 Cleveland Avenue; and

WHEREAS, the Design Review Board, at the same time considered written and oral reports of staff, testimony, and other evidence presented by all those who wished to be heard on the matter; and

WHEREAS, the Design Review Board, after due consideration of all evidence and reports offered for review, does find and determine the following:

1. The design and layout of the proposed development is of superior quality, and is consistent with the General Plan, and applicable specific plan, applicable Zoning Code standards Chapters 20-23 (Commercial Zoning Districts) and 20-44 (Telecommunication Facilities) and requirements, the City's Design Guidelines, architectural criteria for special areas, and other applicable City requirements (e.g., City policy statements and development plans) in that the proposed monopine is designed, to the extent possible, to blend in with the adjacent mature evergreen trees, does not impact any scenic view, and the required equipment is screened from public view; and

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2. The design is appropriate for the use and location of the proposed development and achieves the goals, review criteria and findings for approval as set forth in the Framework of Design Review (Design Guidelines, Introduction, Subsection C) in that the monopine has been designed at the minimum height necessary to allow for adequate transmission of service for the three wireless providers, and the design draws on the natural vegetation of the surrounding area; and
3. The design and layout of the proposed development will not interfere with the use and enjoyment of neighboring existing or future developments in that the proposed cellular towers would not be a visual nuisance and meet the criteria required by Federal law and the City of Santa Rosa Zoning Code for Telecommunication Facilities; and
4. The architectural design of the proposed development is compatible with the character of the surrounding neighborhood in that the monopine is integrated, to the extent possible, with the surrounding mature evergreen trees within the developed commercial area; and
5. The design of the proposed development will provide a desirable environment for its occupants, visiting public, and its neighbors through the appropriate use of materials, texture, and color, and would remain aesthetically appealing and be appropriately maintained in that the monopine includes a lush evergreen aesthetic and all pole mounted materials will be painted green to blend in with the structure; and
6. The proposed development will not be detrimental to the public health, safety, or welfare or materially injurious to the properties or improvements in the vicinity in that the wireless facility has been reviewed in concert with Federal Communication Commission standards and has been found to meet existing standards. In addition, the project meets the minimum distance required from residential uses outlined in the Zoning Code, and has been reviewed and conditioned by requisite City Departments; and
7. The proposed project has been reviewed in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15303, the cellular tower and related equipment qualify for a Class 3 Categorical Exemption, which exempts the construction of new small structures.

The City has further determined that no exceptions to the exemptions apply and there is no reasonable possibility that the activity will have a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances (CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2.)

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Design Review Board of the City of Santa Rosa does hereby grant Preliminary Design Review of an 83-foot tall monopine telecommunications facility subject to each of the following conditions:

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PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

GENERAL:

1. Compliance with the latest adopted ordinances, resolutions, policies, and fees adopted by the City Council at the time of building permit review and approval. All fees must be paid prior to issuance of a building permit.
2. Comply with all Conditions of Approval for the Conditional Use Permit, Planning Commission Resolution No. XXX, approved on June 24, 2021.
3. All work shall be done according to the final approved plans dated December 29, 2020, or as otherwise amended by the Planning Commission on June 24, 2021, or Design Review Board on July 1, 2021.

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DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED by the Design Review Board of the City of Santa Rosa on this 1st of July, 2021 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Approved: _____
Drew Weigl, Chair

Attest: _____
William Rose, Executive Secretary